CULTURAL RESOURCE LETTER REPORT FOR THE OTAY MESA, LARKSPUR ENERGY FACILITY OTAY MESA, CALIFORNIA

(Archaeological Records Review for Otay Mesa/Larkspur Facility)

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INTRODUCTION

This letter report provides a review of previous work, identification of cultural resources and current status for cultural resources within the Otay Mesa/Larkspur project area. The study area includes a 300 by 500-foot parcel at the southeast corner of Otay Mesa Road and Harvest Road, in the City of San Diego (Figures 1 and 2).

PREVIOUS STUDIES, SITE DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT STATUS

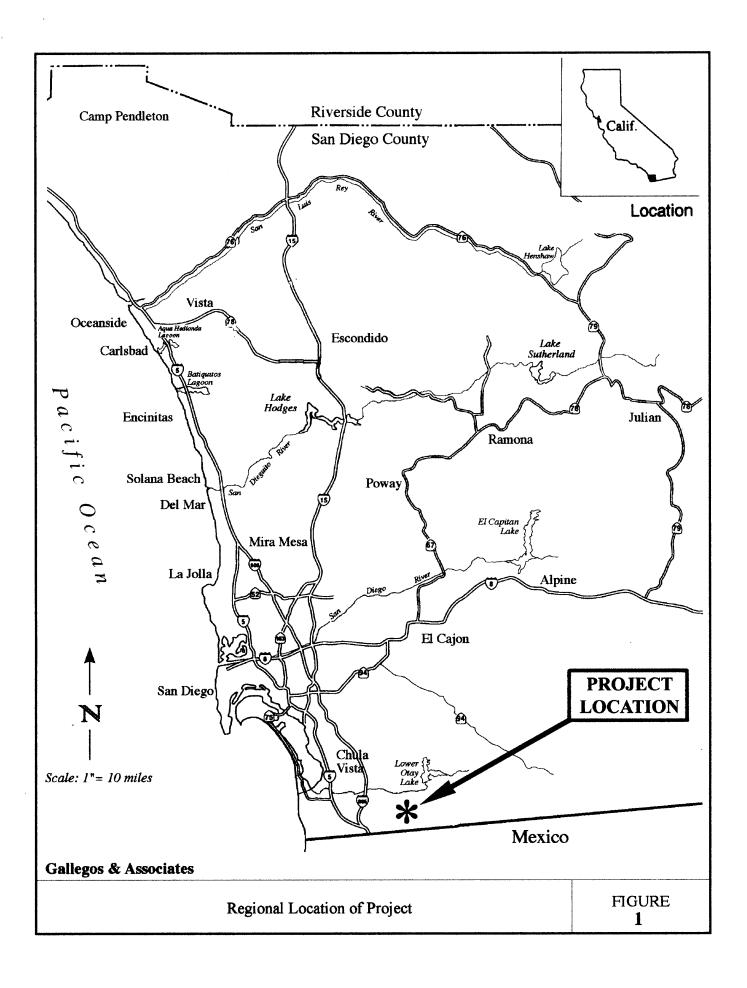
One prehistoric site (CA-SDI-5352) and one historic site are in the proposed Larkspur Facility project area. Site CA-SDI-5352 was initially recorded by Ron May in 1977. May (1977) described site CA-SDI-5352 as scattered loci over 40 acres, which has since been increased to over 800 acres. It should be noted that site CA-SDI-5352 was updated, enlarged and renamed as CA-SDI-12337 by Marty Rosen as part of the SR 125 project. For this letter report, the site will be referred to as CA-SDI-12337/5352.

Testing to determine site significance under CEQA and eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places has been completed for site CA-SDI-12337/5352. Testing studies include: Cupples and Eidsness 1978; Gallegos and Kyle 1992; Kyle et al. 1996; and, Kyle and Gallegos 1999. As part of the SR 125 project, site CA-SDI-12337 was identified as not significant and not eligible for placement on the National Register of Historic Places (Widell 1995; Kyle and Gallegos 1999).

A review of the East Otay Mesa Specific Plan Cultural Resources Technical Report (GPA 94-02; Log No. 93-19-6) also identifies CA-SDI-12337/5352 as "Tested, No Further Constraint" (Ogden and Gallegos & Associates 1993).

The historic site is a mapped location as shown on the 1903 Cuyamaca USGS Quadrangle (Figure 3). Site significance will need to be determined for this cultural resource. Testing/evaluation would include a review of historical records and maps to determine historical background, and subsurface excavation to determine the presence/absence of historical materials.

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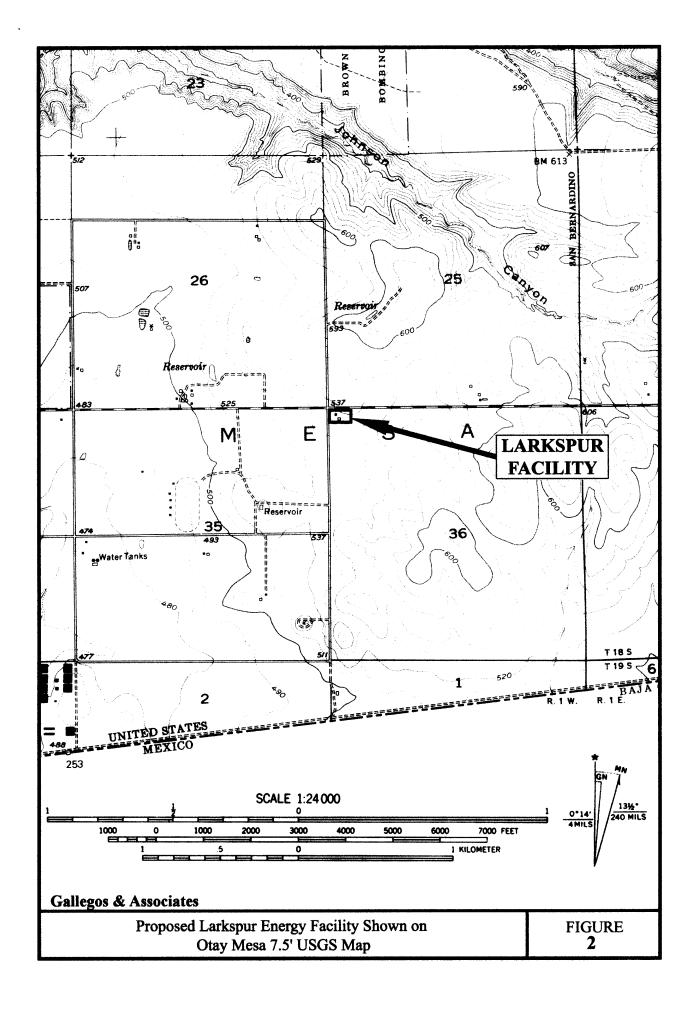


Figure 3: Confidential and Not for Public Review

SUMMARY

The proposed Larkspur facility contains two cultural resources. Site CA-SDI-12337/5352 has been previously tested and identified as not significant and not eligible to the National Register of Historic Places. The historic locality, as shown on the 1903 Cuyamaca Quadrangle, needs testing to determine site significance.

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